The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding and ground saturation beginning March 2 and continuing.

#### June 16

In the morning, the President attended a swearing-in ceremony for new members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in NSC Director Samuel Berger's office at the White House.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lynn Munroe Bragg as Chair and Marcia E. Miller as Vice Chair of the International Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marvin Key Blount, Jr., as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe thunderstorms and tornadoes on May 31.

#### June 17

The President announced his intention to nominate David Michael Satterfield to be Ambassador to Lebanon.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Vela Ledesma to be Ambassador to the Gabon and to Sao Tome and Principe.

The President announced his intention to nominate George Mu to be Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth McKune to be Ambassador to Qatar.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kent M. Wiedemann to be Ambassador to Cambodia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Gerard Sullivan to be Ambassador to Angola.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert C. Perry to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane E. Watson to be Ambassador to Micronesia.

#### **June 18**

The President announced his intention to nominate Bill Richardson to be Secretary of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Holbrooke to be Ambassador to the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Melissa F. Wells to be Ambassador to Estonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Bruce Craig to be Ambassador to Oman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert C. Felder to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area threatened by extreme fire hazards beginning May 25 and continuing.

## June 19

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Newsom to be Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Saul Ramirez, Jr., to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint William F. Paul and Kenneth M. Schoonover as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ralph Hoard as U.S. Commissioner to the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

# Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

## Submitted June 15

#### James Howard Holmes,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

#### Steven Robert Mann,

of Pennsylvania, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkmenistan.

# Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Georgia.

## Submitted June 17

#### Ida L. Castro,

of New York, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2003, vice Paul Steven Miller.

# Submitted June 18

# John Bruce Craig,

of Pennsylvania, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Sultanate of Oman.

# Robert C. Felder,

of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

# James Vela Ledesma,

of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

# Elizabeth Davenport McKune,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Qatar.

#### George Mu,

of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

#### Robert Cephas Perry,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Central African Republic.

## David Michael Satterfield,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lebanon.

#### Joseph Gerard Sullivan,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola.

## Diane Edith Watson,

of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federated States of Micronesia.

# Melissa Foelsch Wells,

of Connecticut, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

# Kent M. Wiedemann,

of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

#### Submitted June 19

Eric David Newsom,

of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, vice Thomas E. McNamara, resigned.

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.,

of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Dwight P. Robinson, resigned.

# Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### Released June 14

Statement by the Press Secretary: Nigeria— Presidential Call to Nigerian Head of State Abubaker

Statement by the Press Secretary: Ethiopia and Eritrea—Agreement to Moratorium on Air Strikes

#### Released June 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

## Released June 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary: Nigerian Government Releases Prominent Political Prisoners

Statement by the Press Secretary on the appointment of Mary O'Neil McCarthy as Spe-

cial Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Intelligence Programs at the National Security Council

#### Released June 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, National Security Adviser Samuel Berger, and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the President's upcoming visit to China

## Released June 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

## Released June 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary: Alice M. Rivlin Sworn In to District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority

# Acts Approved by the President

# **Approved June 16**

H.R. 824 / Public Law 105-179 To redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"

H.R. 3565 / Public Law 105–180 Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998

S. 1605 / Public Law 105–181 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998